



"One of the best Interior cooperative programs is the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, which involves about 27,000 private landowners who are enhancing natural habitats on their lands."

— Lynn Scarlett
Assistant Secretary of Policy, Management,
and Budget
Department of the Interior

Besides the habitat improvements, one of the most important accomplishments of this project is that it has become an example to other private landowners. The Hacienda Pellejas project has been featured in the local press. As a result, other landowners now know that having abundant wildlife and helping the Puerto Rican parrot can happen.

For more information:
www.fws.gov/partners
Service regional contacts are listed on page 23.

"The value of the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program is incalculable, not because of its financial incentives but because of the one-on-one and coffee-table relationship with the Service biologists. They are always there when you need them!"

— Dr. Luis Ramos



**Hector Gonzalez (at left)
Private Landowner**

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Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

Who can participate?

Any privately owned land is potentially eligible for restoration. Most applicants are individual landowners. For the purposes of this program, "privately owned" means lands not owned by a State or the Federal Government.



*Puerto Rican
Giant Anole*

**Since 1987, USFWS has
entered into over
35,000 landowner agreements.**

**"From 2001 to 2003, one of our
cooperative conservation
programs, our Partners for Fish and
Wildlife Program, restored more
than 700,000 acres of prairie and
150,000 acres of wetlands, working
with nearly 9,000 partners."**

— Secretary Gale Norton
Department of the Interior
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